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Despite scattered storms, cleanup continues along Ellicott City's Main Street

ELLICOTT CITY, MD – Despite frequent and sometimes heavy downpours today, Ellicott City's Main Street cleanup efforts soldiered on for the fourth consecutive day.

Today, more than 72 vehicles visited Main Street to help with the cleaning out of 48 properties. Additionally, Howard County vehicles made more than 100 trips to the area, taking family members, friends and employees to assist merchants and business owners in the cleanup.

Monday will be the last day in this window of extended access to the area. Beginning Tuesday, Main Street will be closed for three weeks to allow county public works crews and other utility workers time to complete critical work with the goal of reopening Main Street to pedestrian traffic, hopefully around Sept. 16.

"When I visited Main Street today, the merchants remained in great spirits, despite the rain," said Howard County Executive Allan H. Kittleman. "They were very appreciative of all the access we've been able to give them and I am very appreciative of the work they are doing to help our community recover."

Monday's access will run from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., with staging and credentialing beginning at 7 a.m. at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 3695 Rodgers Avenue, Ellicott City.

As a reminder, cars, vans, pickups and small box trucks up to 15-feet long will be allowed to enter the Main Street area for the retrieval of larger items and belongings. Those planning to bring a vehicle must call 410-313-2900 to have access approved and scheduled. Anyone participating in the cleanup must be at least 18 years of age (or 16 years old and accompanied by a parent or guardian) to gain access to the site.

. The Disaster Assistance Center, located in the Ellicott City 50+ Center at 9401 Frederick Road, will continue credentialing services during the regular hours of 2 to 7 p.m. Monday.

Once again, a community-provided supply truck will be located on Lot E (off of Court Avenue near Main Street) distributing and replenishing cleaning supplies throughout the day.

In other recovery news...

- AmeriCorps volunteers completed a three-week assignment volunteering in support of the Ellicott City recovery and cleanup. These volunteers assisted with much of the staging and logistics for the county's incident management team.

- The next #ECStrong Recovery Fund Committee meeting will be held on Monday, Aug. 22 from 3 - 4 p.m. in the C. Vernon Gray Room, in the George Howard Building. The committee is meeting to discuss and determine the process, procedures, and recommendations for the funds collected by the United Way of Central Maryland and the Ellicott City Partnership.

For more information or assistance, please call 410-313-2900 and continue to visit the recovery resource page at www.ECfloodrecovery.org.

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